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1. IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 13, 2000, paper number 2, in the subject patent application, for which pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), a one-month extension, ending November 13, 2000, is hereby requested, the following amendments and comments are submitted and reconsideration of the claim rejections is respectfully requested.

Please charge the required fee of one hundred ten dollars (\$110.00) for extending the time for a response within the first month after the original response date, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(b) to Deposit Account 07-0832.

The Applicants submit that in view of the attached Certificate of Mailing, this response is timely.

The Applicants request that the application be amended as follows: